

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

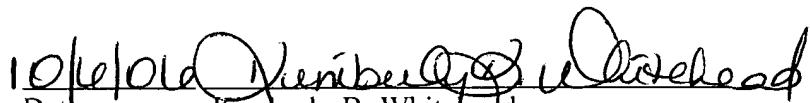
Applicants have corrected the informalities noted by the Examiner on page 2 of the Advisory Action. New claims 12-29 were underlined in their entirety in Applicant's Response to the Office Action of July 5, 2006 (filed on August 10, 2006) to reflect changes made relative to the original patent. Claim 11 has been amended to add underlining and bracketing to reflect changes made relative to the original patent.

Applicants also enclosed an executed Supplemental Declaration in the Response file on August 10, 2006 as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Kimberly B. Whitehead, Applicants' Attorney at (202) 842-0431 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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